

**Official Election Notice, July 25, 2012
2012 General and Special Election**

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
Election Date: November 6, 2012**

This is an official notice to military and overseas voters covered under the Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of an election to be conducted in the City of Alexandria on November 6, 2012.

You may register to vote and request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.fvap.gov. You can electronically apply for ballots by submitting your FPCA by fax to 703-838-6449 or scanned email attachment to anna.leider@alexandriava.gov. Detailed instructions are provided in the Virginia Voting Assistance Guide, available at www.fvap.gov/resources/media/vagVA.pdf.

This notice enables you to identify all of the federal, state, local offices and, if applicable, ballot measures that Alexandria expects, as of this date, to be on its November 6, 2012 ballot. Go to www.alexandriava.gov/Elections and look for the "What's On the Ballot?" link or go to the Virginia State Board of Elections website, www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html and look for "What's On My Ballot?"

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of a not-regularly-scheduled Special Election. As soon as ballot styles are approved, the Virginia State Board of Elections will update its website (www.sbe.virginia.gov) with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures that will be on the ballot. For most elections, ballots will be sent at least 46 days before the election to voters who have requested them. You may request an updated Election Notice be sent to you.

Using a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

This notice may be used to vote a federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). **Before using a FWAB, you must first request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.fvap.gov.** You can electronically apply for ballots by submitting your FPCA by fax to 703-838-6449 or scanned email attachment to anna.leider@alexandriava.gov. Detailed instructions are provided in the Virginia Voting Assistance Guide, www.fvap.gov/resources/media/vagVA.pdf.

Covered military and overseas voters who have not timely received a regular absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. Your signed and completed FWAB must be received no later than the close of polls on Election Day. If received later than this day and time, your FWAB ballot normally will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.fvap.gov. A FWAB ballot or a regular ballot can only be returned by mail addressed to the voting official for your city or county of voting residence. **Virginia does not allow return of any voted ballot electronically, by email or fax.**

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). If you indicated you wish to participate in a party primary, you may only vote for the candidates of the party you indicated. Please contact your local election official to confirm your absentee or voter registration status. You may also visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website to check your Voter Registration and Absentee Voting status from the home page: www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html

Please check the website for the Virginia State Board of Elections (www.sbe.virginia.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.